RURAL DISTRICT OF DOCKING

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the year ended 31st. December, 1970.

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Baron's Close,
Fakenham,
Norfolk.

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DOCKING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1970

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report for 1970. The report includes the report of the Senior Public Health Inspector.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 18,100, a decrease of 100 compared with the estimate for 1969. There were 239 live births.

The deaths of 239 residents were registered during the year. Two hundred and eighteen of this total occurred in people over 55 years of age. Six deaths were due to accidents, four being motor accidents.

Mains water supply is available to all Parishes in the Rural District.

The rural district continues to gain in popularity as a holiday area. The annual survey undertaken in the district during the first week in August recorded the presence of 2,769 static holiday caravans, 109 touring caravans, 100 permanent residential caravans, and 153 tents.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Staffs of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office for their continuous interest, support and help throughout the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L.G.POOLE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

GENERAL STATISTICS

(a) Area :- 87,386 acres. No.of parishes: 30.

(b) Population :- the estimated Mid-Year Home Population for the District for 1970 was 18,100, (a decrease of 100 compared with 1969).

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Estimated Mid-Year Population	18500	18500	18080	18110	18160	18160	18180	17550	18200	18100

Births :- The number of live births during the year was 239.

Deaths :- The number of deaths during the year was 239.

(c) The Rateable Value of the District was £ 484,168.

(d) The Product of Penny Rate was £ 1,923.

(e) Meteorological Factors. The information shown in the following table has been acquired by the courtesy of Mr.Mele of Docking, from recordings made at Docking.

Month	Mean daily maximum Temp. °F	Mean daily minimum Temp. °F	Mean daily Temp. °F	Highest Maximum Temp.		Lowest Minimum Temp.		Total rain-fall in ins.	Maximum Rainfall	
				°F	Date	°F	Date		ins.	Date
Jan.	40.0	32.7	36.3	46	10th,12th, 13th,15th,16th.	21	7th,8th.	1.47	0.19	15th
Feb.	38.3	29.2	33.8	48	21st,22nd.	24	16th, 17th.	1.71	0.24	22nd
Mar.	41.6	30.7	36.1	54	20th	21	8th	1.51	0.46	11th
Apr.	47.4	35.7	41.5	61	17th	28	3rd	2.83	0.65	12th
May	61.4	45.3	53.4	78	28th	37	14th	0.60	0.25	28th
June	70.5	52.2	61.3	81	8th,20th.	46	2nd,5th.	2.48	2.04	27th
July	68.2	51.9	60.1	84	7th	46	2nd,20th. 21st.	1.91	0.35	2nd
Aug.	67.6	52.8	60.2	75	1st,3rd,13th.	44	18th	1.46	0.80	19th
Sept.	64.5	50.2	57.4	74	28th	43	12th	0.87	0.31	8th
Oct.	55.8	44.0	49.9	69	11th	36	27th	1.90	0.51	27th
Nov.	47.8	37.3	42.6	57	2nd	27	16th	4.70	0.66	1st
Dec.	40.8	31.9	36.3	49	2nd, 3rd.	25	25th, 27th.	1.64	0.34	22nd

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still births in the District for 1970 were 239 and 1 respectively.

A table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births
(the figures in brackets are the corresponding numbers for 1969)

Live Births	Males		Females		Totals	
Legitimate	116	(94)	103	(85)	219	(179)
Illegitimate	10	(10)	10	(10)	20	(20)
Totals	126	(104)	113	(95)	239	(199)

A table showing stillbirths for 1970

Stillbirths	Males		Females		Totals	
Legitimate	-	(2)	1	(1)	1	(3)
Illegitimate	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
Totals	-	(2)	1	(1)	1	(3)

Live Birth Rate

The crude rate was 13.2 per 1,000 population, compared with 10.9 in 1969. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.06) was 14.0 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a rate of 16.0 for England and Wales, and 16.1 for the Administrative County of Norfolk.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate live births was 20, as in 1969. The percentage of illegitimate births to the total live births was 8% in 1970. The rates for previous years were, 10% in 1969: 9.4% in 1968 and 7.5% in 1967.

Stillbirths

There was 1 stillbirth in 1970, giving a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 4. compared with 15. in 1969. The rate for England and Wales was 13. for 1970, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk it was 13.

Infant Deaths

Three infants under one year of age died in 1970, compared with four in 1969.

A table showing infant deaths in 1970

	Under One Year		Under Four Weeks		Under One Week	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Legitimate	-	3	-	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	3	-	1	-	1

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths per 1,000 live births, and for 1970 was 13. A comparison of rates for the past ten years shows the following:-

1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
27.9	17.2	18.9	15.0	19.8	16.7	9.95	5.	20.	13.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales in 1970 was 18. and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 15.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, and for 1970 was 14. which compares with 22. for 1969, and 5.2 for 1968.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births and for 1970 was zero, as in 1969.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

Neonatal Mortality Rate is deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. The rate for 1970 was 4, which compares with 15 in 1969, zero in 1968 and 4.98 in 1967.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

This rate is deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live births. The rate for 1970 was 4, compared with 10 in 1969 and zero in 1968.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This rate is combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1970 was 8. compared with 25. in 1969 and 13.9 in 1968.

Maternal Mortality Rate

No deaths occurred in 1970, therefore maternal mortality rate was zero.

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Live Births	239	201	212	199	239
Live Birth Rate - Crude	13.2	11.1	12.1	10.9	13.2
Live Birth Rate - Corrected	13.9	11.8	12.8	11.6	14.0
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate	7.9	7.5	9.4	10.	8.
Still Births	4	3	3	3	1
Still Birth Rate	16.5	14.7	14.0	15.	4.
Total Live & Still Births	243	204	215	202	240
Infant Deaths	4	2	1	4	3
Infant Mortality Rate	16.7	9.95	5.	20.	13.
" " " - Legitimate	16.7	5.4	5.2	22.	14.
" " " - Illegitimate	0	66.7	0	0	0
Neonatal Mortality Rate	12.6	4.98	0	15.	4.
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	12.6	4.98	0	10.	4.
Perinatal Mortality Rate	32.9	19.6	13.9	25.	8.
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0	0	0	0

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths tabled under the International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death,1966. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to these causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 year	Age in Years 1-4	15-24	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Syphilis and its Sequelae	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,Oesophagus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm,Intestine	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm,Lung,Bronchus	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2
Malignant Neoplasm,Uterus	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm,Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Disorders	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	46	-	-	-	-	-	4	9	15	18
	F	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	11
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	10	9
	F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2

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Deaths from all causes - cont'd.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 year	Age in Years 1-4	15-24	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Influenza	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Pneumonia	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Causes	M	135	-	-	1	2	1	11	24	41	55
	F	104	1	2	-	-	-	3	9	32	57

The total number of deaths in the District in 1970 was 239.

Ischaemic heart disease accounted for 68 deaths, and caused 28.5% of all deaths, compared with 35.7% in 1969, and 35.7% in 1968.

Vascular lesions of the nervous system, with 25 deaths, gave a figure of 10.5% of deaths, compared with 12.8% in 1969, and 18.2% in 1968.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (which includes vascular lesions of the nervous system) are combined, a figure of 134 deaths is obtained. This is 56.1% of all deaths, compared with 53.2% in 1969 and 57.8% in 1968.

Cancer caused 47 deaths or 19.7% of deaths, compared with 22.1% in 1969 and 17.8% in 1968. Seven were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus, i.e. 21.3% of cancer deaths were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus, compared with 19.2% in 1969 and 17.8% in 1968.

Accidents caused 6 deaths; 4 occurred in motor vehicle accidents.

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	-	13.2
Corrected Death Rate (using comparability factor of 0.85) per 1,000 estimated population	-	11.2
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population in the Administrative County of Norfolk	-	10.4
Death Rate in England and Wales per 1,000 estimated population	-	11.7

The comparability factors enable comparisons to be made between the rate for the District and those of other Districts and the country as a whole.

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Deaths	207	230	263	235	239
Death Rate - Crude	11.4	12.6	15.0	12.9	13.2
Death Rate - Corrected	10.02	10.8	12.5	10.7	11.2

SECTION II

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The number of notifiable diseases notified in 1970 was 35, compared with 41 in 1969.

The various types of notifiable diseases notified are shown below:-

Measles	28
Pulmonary T.B.	2
Scarlet Fever	1
Infective Jaundice	2
Food Poisoning	1
Whooping Cough	1
	35

Measles

The following table shows the distribution of measles by age groups:-

	Under 1 Yr.	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-24	Total
Males	-	1	-	3	2	6	1	1	14
Females	-	2	2	-	3	6	-	1	14
Total	-	3	2	3	5	12	1	2	28

Measles Vaccination

	Docking R.D.
Born 1970	1
" 1969	58
" 1968	52
" 1967	24
" 1963 - 1966	143
Others under 16 years	35
Total	313

Rubella Immunisation

Immunisation against German Measles is offered by the County Council to girls who are in their fourteenth year of age. This immunisation has been introduced this year and is given at school. The girls immunised in the District numbered 20.

Tuberculosis

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

Tuberculosis in the Docking Rural District in 1970
(The figures in brackets show the corresponding numbers for 1969)

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New cases	1 (2)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (1)	2 (3)
Inward transfers	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)
No. on Register at 31/12/70	11 (10)	14 (13)	- (-)	4 (4)	11 (10) 18 (17)
	25 (23)		4 (4)		29 (27)

B.C.G. Vaccination

Immunisation against tuberculosis is offered by the County Council to boys and girls who are in their fourteenth year of age. The injection is given at school.

The following table gives more information by schools of B.C.G. vaccination in the District in 1970.

School	Tested	Read	Positive	Negative and Vaccinated
Hunstanton Secondary Modern	133	124	11	113
Dersingham Secondary Modern	65	64	4	60
Fakenham Secondary Modern	107	98	5	93
Fakenham Grammar	59	56	2	54
Alderman Peel, Wells	89	75	4	71
Total	453	417	26	391

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in the District in 1970. Immunisation is offered by the County Council.

The following table shows the number of persons under 16 years of age immunised against poliomyelitis during 1970 in Docking R.D.

Age Groups	Docking R.D.
Children born in 1970	7
Children born in 1969	101
Children born in 1968	31
Children born in 1967	-
Children born 1963 - 66.	15
Others under age 16.	5
Re-inforcing doses (children under 16)	312
Total	471

Smallpox

There were no cases of smallpox in the District in 1970.

The following table shows the number of vaccinations against smallpox, by age groups, carried out in Docking Rural District in 1970.

Age at date of Vaccination	Docking R.D.	
	Primary	Re-Vacc.
0 - 3 months	-	-
3 - 6 "	-	-
6 - 9 "	2	-
9 - 12 "	-	-
1 year	78	-
2 - 4 years	24	3
5 - 14 "	7	29
Total	111	32

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

Immunisation against these three diseases is offered by the County Council and is usually commenced in infancy when the child is about three months old. It is mainly given as 'Triple Antigen', thus reducing the number of injections a child needs. The antigens given, combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus in Docking R.D. in 1970.

		Docking R.D.
Triple	Initial immunisation	137
	Booster injection	46
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial immunisation	12
	Booster injection	255
Diphtheria	Initial immunisation	-
	Booster injection	5
Tetanus	Initial immunisation	4
	Booster injection	135

SECTION III

Contributed by the Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

The number of inspections and visits made in connection with the various branches of Public Health during the year, are as follows:-

Inspections coming within the purview of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the abatement of nuisance, in connection with drainage work, building regulations, and miscellaneous complaints, etc.	...	439
Improvement Grants, Discretionary and Standard.	...	537
Housing, for repairs, slum clearance, interviewing applicants for Council houses, etc.	...	231
Administration of Public Cleansing Services.	...	2025
Factories Act Inspections.	...	44
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	...	267
Inspection of Slaughterhouses under Slaughterhouses Regulations.	...	22
Visits to Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection.	...	1177
Food Hygiene Regulations		
(a) Inspections of Premises.	...	218
(b) Visits to deal with unsound food.	...	29
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.	...	32
Noise Abatement Act.	...	3
Control of Communicable Diseases.	...	55
Supervision of Public Conveniences.	...	207
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.	...	61
Registration of Animal Boarding Establishments.	...	5
Pleasure Boat Licences.	...	24
Civic Amenities Act.	...	5
Milk & Dairies Acts.	...	1
Miscellaneous.	...	18
Clean Air Act.	...	24
Slaughter of Poultry Regulations.	...	3
Scrap Metal Dealers Act.	...	1
Diseases of Animal Act.	...	5
	Total	5433

NOTICES

(a) Preliminary. The following preliminary notices were served, requiring compliance with the provisions of the various Acts and Regulations, and with the conditions attached to licences, etc.:-

Milk and Dairies Regulations.	...	2
Housing Act, 1957.	...	30
Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961.	...	7
Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.	...	6
Food Hygiene Regulations.	...	16
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960.	...	10
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.	...	10
Civic Amenities Act, 1967.	...	5
Clean Air Act.	...	2

(b) Statutory Notices. There were no occasions in which it was necessary to serve Statutory Notices.

HOUSING

Improvement Grants. A summary of the work carried out in connection with Improvement Grants is shown below:-

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications received.	...	57
Number of applications approved.	...	39
Number of applications refused.	...	9
Number of applications outstanding.	...	9
Owner/occupied houses for which grants were approved.	..	24
Tenanted houses for which grants were approved.	...	15

Standard Grants

Number of applications received.	...	51
Number of applications approved.	...	49
Number of applications refused.	...	-
Number of applications outstanding.	...	2
Owner/occupied houses for which grants were approved.	..	35
Tenanted houses for which grants were approved.	...	14

Total number of houses for which both types of grants were approved.	...	88

Since the inception of the Discretionary Grant Scheme in 1949, and the Standard Grants in 1959, the total numbers of houses approved for grants, to the end of the year were:-

Discretionary Grants	...	484
Standard Grants	...	769
		1253

SLUM CLEARANCE

During the year, 7 Closing Orders and 1 Demolition Order were made in respect of houses which were found to be unfit for habitation.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The numbers of various kinds of food premises in the district which come within the purview of the Food Hygiene Regulations, are as follows:-

Premises Category	Number of Premises (i)	Number of Premises complying with Regulation 16. (ii)	Number of Premises to which Regulation 19 applies (iii)	Number of Premises complying with Regulation 19. (iv)
Grocers & General Store	103	103	92	91
Butchers	16	16	16	16
Fish Friers	7	7	7	7
Public Houses	41	41	41	41
Milk Stores	8	8	8	8
Slaughterhouses	6	6	6	6
School Canteens	12	12	12	12
Poultry Pluckers	1	1	1	1
Bakehouses	8	8	8	8
Whelk Boilers	4	-	-	-
Restaurants & Cafes	14	14	14	14
General Stores with Cafes	7	7	7	7
Licensed Premises with Restaurants	19	19	19	19

These Regulations impose upon occupiers of premises where food is sold or prepared, obligations in respect of the handling of food, the cleanliness of equipment and premises, personal cleanliness, facilities for washing food and equipment, and the proper maintenance of the structural condition of the premises themselves, and other matters connected with the prevention of contamination of food, etc.

Routine inspections are carried out for the enforcement of these requirements, and 218 visits were made during the year. During the visits some contraventions of the Regulations were found, and these were dealt with by taking informal action with the persons concerned, and in no instance was it necessary to make any reports to the Council.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The number of premises requiring registration under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are:-

Ice-cream Premises	119
Meat Preserving Premises	15

UNSOUND FOOD

From time to time, notification is received from trades-people that they have quantities of food which should be inspected before it is offered for sale to the public. As a result of these notifications, the following quantities of food were found to be unfit for consumption:-

44 lb Fish
94 Assorted Packets of Fish
23 Meat Pies
186 lbs Meat, including ham, etc.
50 Packets of Various Meat.
72 Packets of Various Vegetables
12 lb Tea

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are 6 licensed slaughterhouses in the district, distributed throughout the area, thus:-

Heacham	...	2
Snettisham	...	1
South Creake	...	1
East Rudham	...	1
Dersingham	...	1

There are 16 slaughtermen operating in the District who hold licences issued by the Council.

MEAT INSPECTION

The inspection of animals slaughtered in the slaughterhouses in the district was carried out regularly, and a one-hundred per cent inspection was achieved. This work entailed 1177 visits to slaughterhouses.

Charges are made by the Council for meat inspection, and the income for this service for 1970 was £705.

MEAT INSPECTION (Continued)

Details of meat inspected and the proportion of animals affected with disease are shown in the following table:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Number killed	2630	24	2610	8202	13466
Number inspected	2630	24	2610	8202	
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	4	4	7	47	
Carcases of which some part was condemned	513	12	89	1448	
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	19.5	50	3.4	17.7	
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	
Part carcases condemned	-	-	-	270	
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	3.3	
Cysticercus Bovis					
Carcases affected	7	-	-	-	
Percentage of animals killed which were inspected	100	100	100	100	

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) Refuse Collection. The weekly collection of refuse from private houses, business premises and caravan sites was continued throughout the year, without any major interuption of the service.

During the summer months the additional work necessitated by the occupation of caravans, beach bungalows and chalets, again required the employment of additional labour on a temporary basis.

Disposal of refuse was by tipping at the 11 refuse tips in the district. During the year, 3 tips were closed and one new one brought into use.

The question of an incentive bonus scheme for all manual workers was under consideration, but by the end of the year, a scheme had not been put into operation.

PUBLIC CLEANSING (Continued)

(b) Cesspool Emptying. The service providing for the emptying of cesspools at private houses, Council houses, business premises and caravan sites was carried out as usual, four free emptyings of cesspools a year being given, with a charge of 15/- per load for any additional emptyings. In addition, the de-sludging of sewage plants serving Council housing estates, and the sewage works at Heacham and Burnham Market was also carried out, as was the emptying of the cesspools of five public toilets which are not connected to the public sewer.

The table below shows the number of cesspool emptyings given over the past 6 years, from which it will be seen that there was a reduction of 1,612 emptyings compared with the previous year. This decrease was due to the connection of houses to the new sewerage system in Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe and Snettisham, and the filling in of the cesspools.

1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
3302	4914	5164	4503	4118	3875

The 3,302 emptyings given during the year, includes the following:-

Council house cesspools	... 498
Private cesspools	... 2574
Public Toilets cesspools	... 83
De-sludging of sewage works	... 147

(c) Lavatory Pail Emptying. A regular service for the emptying of lavatory pails was carried out in all parishes in the district where public sewers are not provided.

Pails are emptied during the early hours of the morning, the men and vehicles afterwards being used for cesspool emptying. Disposal of pail and cesspool contents is carried out at the various refuse tips in the district, there being no alternative method available.

PUBLIC TOILETS

Five public toilets have been provided by the Council, located at:- South Beach, Heacham; Snettisham Beach; Heacham Village; Holme Beach and Brancaster Beach.

The toilets at Heacham North Beach are privately owned, but arrangements have been made with the owner for the Council to control and maintain them.

The cleaning of the toilets was again carried out by men employed in the Council's public cleansing service, and a reasonable standard of cleanliness was maintained generally.

HOLIDAY CARAVANS, CHALETS & TENTS

The inspection and licensing of sites used for caravans and tents was continued, and the survey of caravans and tents carried out, during the first week of August, there were in the district:-

	2769	Static Holiday Caravans
	109	Touring Caravans
	100	Permanent Residential Caravans
Total	2978	

The number of tents counted during the survey was 153.

There were also 358 holiday chalets in use.

The total of 2,978 caravans showed an increase of 71 over last years figure.

Allowing only 3 persons per holiday caravan or chalet, the static holiday caravans and chalets, provided accommodation for over 9,000 people.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Normal work of maintenance of surface water drains at Snettisham, Ingoldisthorpe, Dersingham and Rudham, was carried out, where possible, by men employed on public cleansing.

WATER SUPPLIES

The sampling of water from the public supply is now the responsibility of the North West Norfolk Water Board.

From private well supplies, 12 samples were taken during the year; 9 of these being from a factory where it was thought the water was the cause of illness among the employees, but bacteriological tests showed that the water was not the cause of the trouble.

RODENT CONTROL

The control of rats and mice is dealt with for the Council by Rentokil Ltd., on a contract basis.

During the year, 333 notifications were received of premises requiring treatment.

The service includes free treatment of private houses and business premises. Agricultural land in not included as part of the free service. The Council's refuse tips and sewage works are also included in the contract.

PLEASURE BOAT LICENSING

In 1968, the Council made an Order, under Section 94 of the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907, requiring the licensing of pleasure boats, and of boatmen, operating from Burnham Overy Staithe and Brancaster Staithe.

During the year, licences were issued in respect of 6 pleasure boats, and 8 boatmen's licences were issued.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

One of the responsibilities placed upon Local Authorities under this Act, is the removal of abandoned motor vehicles.

During the year, one abandoned car had to be dealt with, and after correspondence with the owners, the vehicle was removed by them, at their own expense.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The powers and duties given to Local Authorities under this Act are for securing the promotion of the health, welfare and safety of persons employed in offices and shops.

The provisions of the Act relate to cleanliness, washing facilities, sanitary accommodation, overcrowding, temperatures and ventilation, etc.

During the year, 61 inspections were made of offices and shops.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There are two establishments in the district, which are used for the boarding of animals, and which are licensed under the Act.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

There are 66 factories and workshops in the district, and 44 inspections were made during the year.

Annual Report for 1970 under the Factories Act

1. Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health. (Including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	64	43	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	66	44	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three of more "cases").

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector. (4)	Referred: By H.M. Inspector (5)	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

3. Part VIII of the Act - Outworkers.

Nature of Work (1)	No.of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No.of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel-making etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-